

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 6a-6d depict perspective and cross sectional views of an embodiment employing a snap engagement for connecting the lanyard to a releasable container; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 7a-7d depict various views of an exemplary embodiment of the adjustable breakaway lanyard as configured to support a lighter; and--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 8a-8b depict various views of the slideway mechanism used with the lighter embodiment.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Turning to Figure 3c, another exemplary embodiment of the lanyard **200** may include end clips **300**. The end clip **300** may be formed as a single piece or may be constructed of two pieces with snap fittings. The end clip **300** acts as a stabilizing device for the lanyard **200**, and also enables a safety breakaway mechanism. The end

clip **300** depicted in Figure 3c includes an outer surface defining a circular bore, but, as those skilled in the art will appreciate, the bore may be shaped to accommodate the shape of the lanyard **200**, such as, but not limited to, a flat web lanyard configuration. Figure 3e shows a cutaway view of end clip **300** and the optional tapered lanyard end **301** which operates similarly to other previously described safety breakaway features. The tapered end **301** is depicted here as conical, but any shape of taper may be suitable so long as the cross-sectional area of the lanyard **200** decreases substantially near its end and then returns to normal size at its end. The effect of this feature is to reduce the force necessary to implement the breakaway feature during an emergency. As with the previous embodiment, the free ends **202** may be coated with polymeric material to prevent fraying, although the coating in this embodiment should be relatively thin.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 8 illustrates an exemplary slideway mechanism **700** that can be used with the lighter embodiment of Figure 7. Referring to Figures 8a-8b, the slideway **100** (as best shown in Figure 8b) operates as previously described. Figure 8b shows the surface **702** in greater detail with lip **800** being configured for a semi-permanent connection with a lighter.--